



Education Council Action Packet

**April 28, 2006
8:00 – 8:50 am
Morris Hall**

**Allan G. Bense
Speaker**

**Dennis K. Baxley
Council Chair**

HOUSE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE PURPOSES

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

Bill No. 1573

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION ☒ (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
OTHER _____

Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council
Representative(s) Arza offered the following:

Amendment

Remove everything after the resolving clause and insert:

That the following creation of Section 8 of Article IX of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE IX

EDUCATION

SECTION 8. Equal opportunity to obtain a high quality education.--Every child deserves an equal opportunity to obtain a high quality education, regardless of his or her family's income, religion, or race.

(a) Funding for a high quality public K-12 education through classroom instruction is fundamental. To make adequate provision for a high quality public K-12 education, the legislature shall ensure that funding provided for public schools shall primarily be used for classroom instruction rather

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23 than administration. Classroom instruction and administration
24 shall be defined by law.

25 (b) Students in prekindergarten through college who have
26 disabilities, are economically disadvantaged, or meet other
27 legislatively specified criteria may participate, as provided by
28 law, in education programs that include nonpublic schools. The
29 legislature may enact and publicly fund prekindergarten through
30 college education programs, without regard to the religious
31 nature of any participant or nonpublic provider, notwithstanding
32 any other provision of this Article or the last sentence of
33 Section 3 of Article I of this constitution.

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35 Nothing in this section establishes a right to an education
36 program not provided by law.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
38 placed on the ballot:

39 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

40 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 8

41 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A HIGH QUALITY
42 EDUCATION.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to
43 provide that every child deserves an equal opportunity to obtain
44 a high quality education, regardless of his or her family's
45 income, religion, or race; to provide that funding for high
46 quality public K-12 education through classroom instruction is
47 fundamental; to provide that to make adequate provision for a
48 high quality public K-12 education, the Legislature shall ensure
49 that funding provided for public schools shall primarily be used
50 for classroom instruction rather than administration; to provide
51 that classroom instruction and administration shall be defined
52 by law; to provide that students in prekindergarten through
53 college who have disabilities, are economically disadvantaged,

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54 or meet other legislatively specified criteria may participate,
55 as provided by law, in education programs that include nonpublic
56 schools; to provide that the Legislature may enact and publicly
57 fund prekindergarten through college education programs, without
58 regard to the religious nature of any participant or nonpublic
59 provider, notwithstanding any other provision of this Article or
60 the last sentence of Section 3 of Article I of the State
61 Constitution; and to provide that this amendment to the State
62 Constitution does not establish a right to an education program
63 that is not provided by law.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Education Council

4/28/2006 8:00:00AM

Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)

Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Dennis Baxley (Chair)	X		
Rafael Arza	X		
Loranne Ausley	X		
Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall	X		
Larry Cretul	X		
David Mealor	X		
Pat Patterson	X		
Joe Pickens	X		
David Rivera	X		
John Stargel	X		
Totals:	10	0	0

Committee meeting was reported out: Friday, April 28, 2006 8:47:08AM

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Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)

HJR 1573 CS : Equal Opportunity to Obtain a High Quality Education

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	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Rafael Arza	X				
Loranne Ausley		X			
Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall		X			
Larry Cretul	X				
David Mealor	X				
Pat Patterson	X				
Joe Pickens	X				
David Rivera	X				
John Stargel	X				
Dennis Baxley (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 8		Total Nays: 2			

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